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Five per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five year (2006-2010) average for this time of year is approximately 14 per cent seeded.

The southwest is reporting 13 per cent seeded and the southeastern and west-central regions are reporting five per cent seeded. One per cent of the crop is seeded in the east-central, northeastern and northwestern regions. The majority of Saskatchewan producers got a late start to field work due to excess moisture. Most areas reported rain last week that will further delay seeding.

The majority of crop reporters are indicating that fields are still very wet. Cropland topsoil moisture across the province is rated as 55 per cent surplus and 45 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 40 per cent surplus, 59 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

Farmers are busy calving, hauling cattle to pasture, controlling weeds and seeding.

One year ago

Five per cent of the 2010 crop had been seeded. Rain and snow passed through most of the province, disrupting seeding operations.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded

All Crops	
May 9/11	5
5 year avg. (2006-2010)	14
May 10/10	5
May 11/09	23
May 11/08	25
May 6/07	10
May 7/06	9

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

The deadline to seed all classes of chickpeas is May 21. This is also the deadline to seed camelina in the brown soil zone.

Producers who selected the Contract Price Option should provide all production contract information to Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation by May 31. Khorasan wheat contract information must also be submitted by this date.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The region reported more moisture again this week, delaying the start to seeding operations in many areas. There is some seeding going on in the lighter soils zones and where significant rain was not recorded. One per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded. Crop District (CD) 1A has reported that some producers are seeding, CD 1B has reported no seeding. CD 2A has one per cent of the seed in the ground and CDs 2B and 3ASE have 13 and 12 per cent of the crop seeded, respectively.

Southeast Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	5
May 10, 2010	6
May 11, 2009	15
May 11, 2008	46
May 6, 2007	16
May 7, 2006	8
Five-year average (2006-2010)	18

Those producers who are seeding are getting stuck and avoiding large bodies of water. Fieldwork has yet to start in some areas. Crop reporters have indicated some livestock producers lost significant numbers of cows and calves in the April 29-30 snow storm. Farm yards, corrals and livestock wintering grounds are flooded and very soft, making it difficult to feed cattle and move equipment. There has been very little field activity to date. Rural municipalities are busy repairing roads that were cut or washed out. The Lampman, Radville and Weyburn areas reported 22 mm of precipitation, the Tantalton area 23 mm and the Wilcox area 10 mm. Some reporters have recorded up to 130 mm of precipitation since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 74 per cent surplus and 26 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 69 per cent surplus and 31 per cent adequate.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery, fixing fences and seeding.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Thirteen per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded in the region. Crop District (CD) 3 ASW has six per cent seeded, CD 3AN 11 per cent, CD 3BS four per cent, CD 3BN 28 per cent, CD 4A two per cent and CD 4B has 10 per cent seeded. Reporters have indicated there are a few areas in which seeding is 40 to 50 per cent complete. Most producers were able to get into the fields to do some pre-seeding work. There are other areas where seeding and field work is still delayed by one week. Moisture conditions vary from field to field. Some areas have good seeding conditions, while other areas are still too wet.

Southwest Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	13
May 10, 2010	7
May 11, 2009	43
May 11, 2008	39
May 6, 2007	22
May 7, 2006	27
Five-year average (2006-2010)	28

The region received rain showers during the last few days, shutting down seeding operations for a time in some areas. The Big Beaver area received 22 mm of rain, the

Gravelbourg area 12 mm, the Shaunavon area 31 mm, the Admiral area 26 mm, the Kyle area 25 mm, the Gull Lake area 24 mm and the Richmond area 17 mm. Access to fields is difficult in some areas due to impassable roads.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 38 per cent surplus and 62 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent surplus and 72 per cent adequate. Road access to fields is still an issue in some areas.

Pastures are starting to green up. Farmers are busy calving, hauling cattle to pasture, cleaning seed, preparing machinery and seeding.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

One per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded. Crop districts (CD) 5A and 5B have less than one per cent seeded. Crop district 6A has three per cent seeded. Crop reporters in a few areas of CD 6A have indicated that 10 per cent of the crop is in the ground. Fields are wet in this region, but are able to support machinery for the most part.

East-central Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	1
May 10, 2010	3
May 11, 2009	9
May 11, 2008	18
May 6, 2007	4
May 7, 2006	2
Five-year average (2006-2010)	7

The majority of farmers have yet to begin seeding due to excess moisture. Crop reporters are indicating severe flooding in areas which has damaged roads and culverts, and flooded farm yards. Field work and seeding is expected to be delayed for at least another two to three weeks in crop districts 5A and 5B. Some crop reporters have indicated they can get out into the fields to pick rocks and control weeds. There are reports of livestock producers losing a significant number of calves in the snow storm of April 29-30. In some areas, large areas of land are not expected to be seeded this year. Rain was recorded in most areas ranging from one mm to 20 mm, halting seeding for a day or so in some areas. The Raymore area received 15 mm, the Kuroki area 20 mm, the Elfros area 19 mm, the Allan area 10 mm and the Bethune area 9 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 64 per cent surplus and 36 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 52 per cent surplus, 46 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Many pastures and fields are flooded or inaccessible due to washed out roads. The RMs are busy trying to fix roads.

Farmers are busy calving, controlling weeds, preparing machinery, seeding and trying to deal with the water.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Five per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded in the region. Crop District (CD) 6B is reporting four per cent is seeded, while CDs 7A and 7B have five per cent seeded. Peas, canola and wheat are being seeded. In some areas, up to 10 per cent of the crop has been seeded. Given the wet conditions, producers have tow ropes and four-wheel-drive tractors ready for pulling out stuck equipment. The RMs are busy trying to maintain roads. Many roads are cut or washed out. Seeding should be in full gear within the coming week.

West-central Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	5
May 10, 2010	4
May 11, 2009	32
May 11, 2008	9
May 6, 2007	9
May 7, 2006	4
Five-year average (2006-2010)	13

Rain rolled through the region last week, dropping up to 41 mm of precipitation and delaying seeding in some areas. The Conquest area received 20 mm of precipitation, the Dinsmore area 41 mm, the Smiley area 24 mm, the Rosetown area 11 mm, the Biggar area 13 mm and the Battleford area 8 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 40 per cent surplus and 60 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 22 per cent surplus and 78 per cent adequate.

Farmers are busy calving, controlling weeds, seeding and hauling cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

One per cent of the crop has been seeded in the region, although in some areas, up to five per cent has been planted. Fields started to dry out during the last week due to fairly warm and windy conditions; however, the region did receive between 2 mm to 20 mm of rain. The Nipawin area recorded 13 mm, the Tisdale area 20 mm, the Alvena area 18 mm, the Humboldt area 3 mm and the Prince Albert area 10 mm.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	1
May 10, 2010	0
May 11, 2009	18
May 11, 2008	14
May 6, 2007	1
May 7, 2006	1
Five-year average (2006-2010)	7

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 61 per cent surplus and 33 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 47 per cent surplus and 53 per cent adequate.

It is very challenging getting machinery, seed and fertilizer to the field as many roads are soft, flooded or washed out. Producers are cultivating and harrowing in an attempt to dry out the soil. Those producers who are able to get out into the field are getting stuck numerous times. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Farmers are calving, readying machinery, doing some pre-seeding field work and starting to seed.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

One per cent of the seed is in the ground. Crop District 9AW has one per cent seeded and CD 9B has eight per cent seeded. Peas, wheat and canola are being seeded. General field work, such as picking rocks, harrowing and controlling weeds, has started. Field access is challenging as roads are soft and impassable in some areas. Strong winds and sunny conditions have helped to dry the fields.

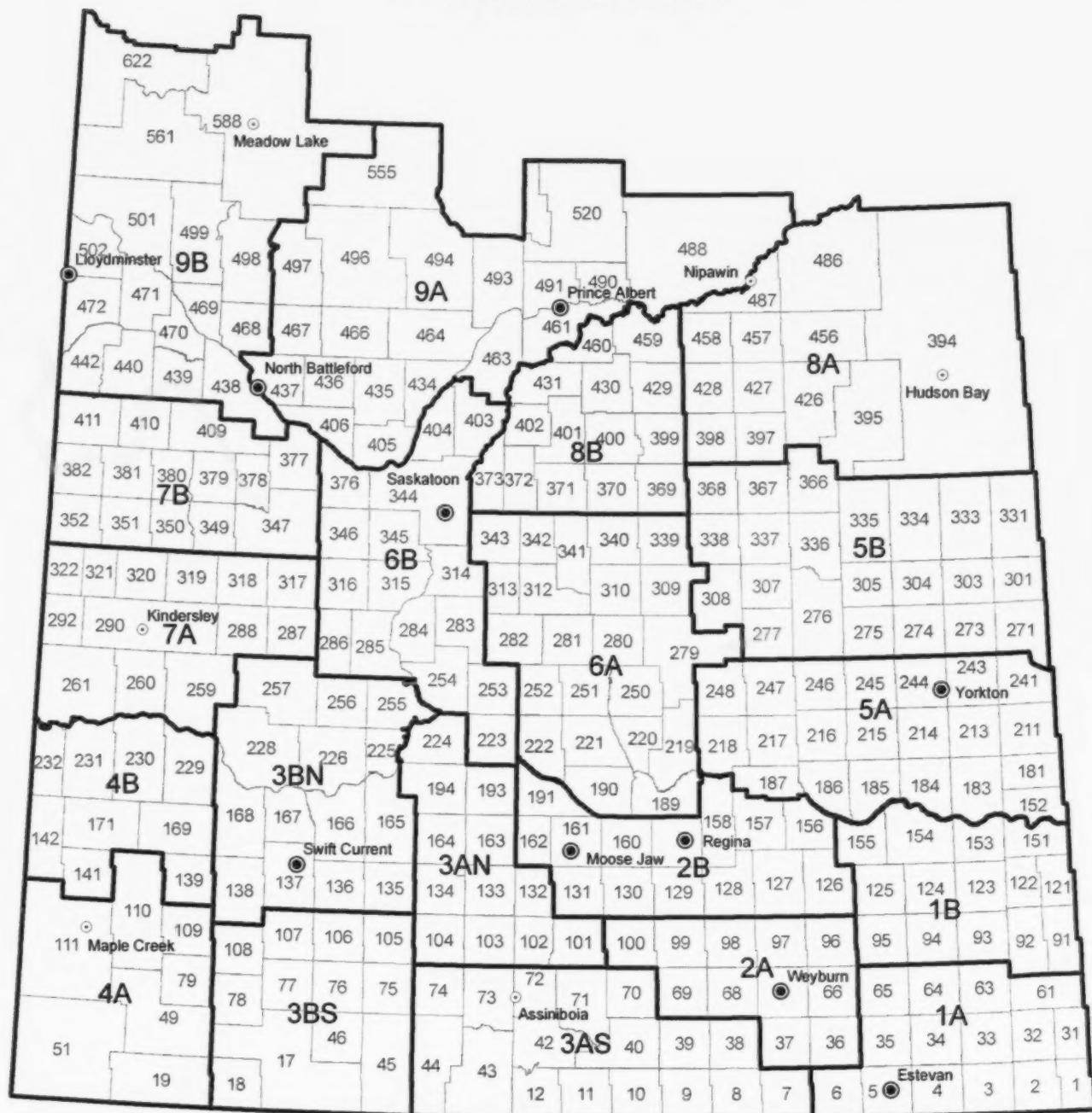
Northwestern Saskatchewan	% Seeded
May 9, 2011	1
May 10, 2010	11
May 11, 2009	18
May 11, 2008	7
May 6, 2007	3
May 7, 2006	3
Five-year average (2006-2010)	9

Rain showers rolled through the region, with the most rain recorded in CD 9AW. The Debden area received 24 mm, the Duck Lake area 18 mm, the Glaslyn area 2 mm, the Dorintosh area 5 mm and the Meadow Lake area 9 mm.

Cropland top soil moisture is reported as 24 per cent surplus and 76 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

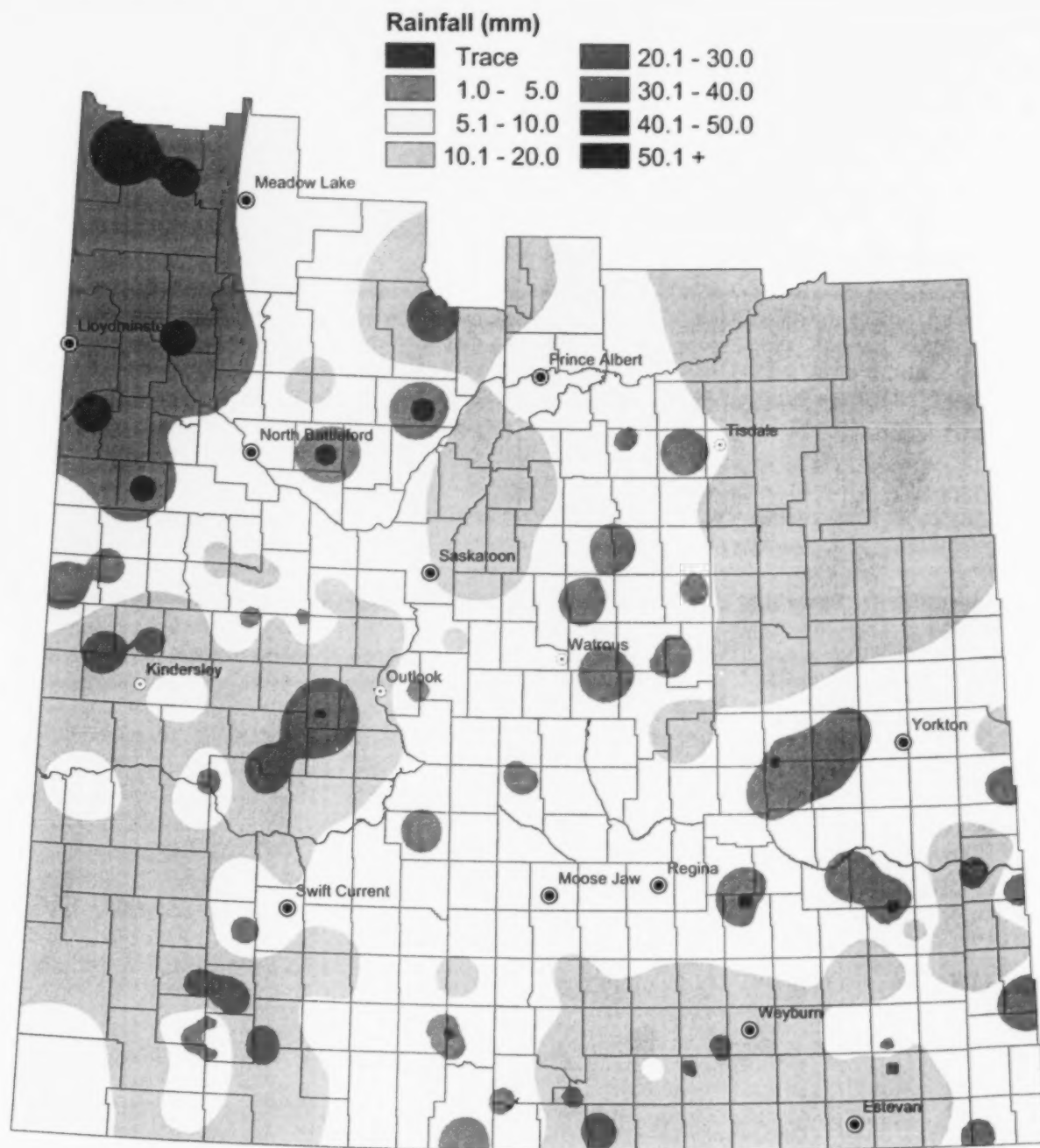
Pastures are starting to green up. Farmers are busy readying equipment, calving, doing some pre-seeding field work and seeding.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 9, 2011



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 3 to 9, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	49	7B	347 A	Biggar	9	14
	2	Mount Pleasant	4	58		49 A	White Valley	13	49		347 B	Biggar	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	13	58		51	Reno	6.3	41		350 A	Manpos	8	8
	33	Moose Creek	15	73		79	Arlington	2	34		350 B	Manpos	N/A	7
	34	Browning	22	89		109	Carmichael	24	77		351	Progress	4	15
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		110	Papot	10	22		352	Heart's Hill	3	15
	63	Moose Mountain	5	78		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Glenside	8	12
	64	Brock	3	73	4B	139	Gull Lake	11	34		378 A	Rosemount	13	21
	65	Tecumseh	9	59		141	Big Stick	12	40		378 B	Rosemount	7	16
1B	91	Maryfield	1	85		142	Enterprise	17	43		379	Reford	11	20
	92	Walpole	N/A	88		169	Pittville	N/A	17		380	Tramping Lake	8	10
	95	Golden West	15	91		171	Fox Valley	N/A	NIL		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	20	130		229	Miry Creek	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	8	11
	123	Silverwood	N/A	15		231	Happyland	8	13		409 B	Buffalo	N/A	9
	124 A	Kingsley	11	86	5A	183	Fertile Belt	14	107		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		186	Abemethy	6	20		411	Senlac	N/A	15
	125	Chester	5.6	66		211	Churchbridge	3	59	8A	395	Porcupine	14	17
	151 A	Rocanville	23	113		213	Saltcoats	7	49		397	Barmer Valley	19.7	29
	151 B	Rocanville	3	76		216	Tullymat	3	12		428	Star City	2	18
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		217	Lipton	2.5	8		456	Arboretfield	14	26
	154	Elcappo	NIL	63		241	Calder	13	44		457	Connaught	13	28
	155	Wolseley	3	63		243	Wallace	9	45		458	Willow Creek	N/A	20
2A	66	Griffin	10.1	106		245 A	Garry	3	18		486	Moose Range	N/A	NIL
	67	Weyburn	19	59		245 B	Garry	2	18		487	Nipewin	13	22
	68	Brokenhead	22	90		246	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	2	8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	NIL
	69	Norton	N/A	32		247	Kellross	9	27		370	Humboldt	3	7
	97	Wellington	10	53		248	Touchwood	14.6	15		371 A	Bayne	7	14
2B	127 A	Francis	7.5	45	5B	271	Cote	6	22		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	127 B	Francis	NIL	16		276	Farm Lake	11	42		372	Grant	17.8	22
	129	Bratt's Lake	10	30		277	Emerald	13	31		402	Fish Creek	18	22
	156	Indian Head	3.5	23.5		305	Invermay	N/A	13					
	160 A	Pense	5	18		307	Elfron	19	34		429	Flett's Springs	4	27
	160 B	Pense	9	29		333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL		430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	161	Moose Jaw	6	14		333 B	Clayton	13	14		459	Kinstino	7	32
	191	Marquis	7	8		334	Fredericton	10.7	12	8AE	460	Birch Hills	N/A	NIL
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A		335	Hazel Dell	14	24		461	Prince Albert	8.5	29
	38 A	Laurier	16	64		336	Sasman	20	25		485 A	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	38 B	Laurier	22	62		337	Lakeview	16	24		488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	39 A	The Gap	20	59		338	Lakeside	2	7		491	Buckland	9.6	41
	39 B	The Gap	8	65		366	Kelvington	14	24	8AW	406	Mayfield	N/A	2
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	22	43	6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	31		435	Redberry	N/A	2
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A		190 A	Duffinn	8	18		436	Douglas	NIL	8
	12	Poplar Valley	7	11		190 B	Duffinn	6	11		463	Duck Lake	18	22
	40	Bengough	21	76		190 C	Duffinn	5	16		464	Leask	NIL	17
	42	Willow Bunch	4	33		190 D	Duffinn	N/A	N/A		467 A	Round Hill	5.5	16
	43	Old Post	3	30		219	Longlakeston	8	10		467 B	Round Hill	15	23
	44	Waverley	6	25		220	McKitlop	8	10		494	Canwood	24	46
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		221	Samia	5.4	8		496	Spiritwood	N/A	38
	71	Excel	8	44.5		222	Craig	3	19		497	Medstead	8	22
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	NIL		251	Big Arm	6	8	9B	438	Battle River	N/A	11
	73 B	Stonehenge	8	45		252	Arm River	7	13		440	Hillsdale	N/A	7
	74	Wood River	5.1	35		279	Mount Hope	N/A	2		442	Manitou Lake	0.3	14
3AN	101	Terrill	11	42		280	Wreford	2	2		468 A	Meola	7	12
	102	Lake Johnston	8.4	34		282	McCraney	9	13		468 B	Meola	N/A	8
	103	Sutton	12	37		309	Prairie Rose	6	9		468 C	Meola	2.5	20
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A		313	Lost River	10	13		469	Turtle River	N/A	N/A
	134	Shamrock	N/A	N/A		339	Leroy	5.6	11		498 A	Parkdale	2	13
	164	Chaplin	N/A	18		340	Wolverine	3	3		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	4
	193 A	Eyebrow	7	25		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		499	Mervin	NIL	21
	193 B	Eyebrow	8	22		343	Blucher	10	14		501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	32
	194	Enfield	3	13	6B	283	Rosedale	5	6		501 B	Frenchman Butte	N/A	15
3BS	17	Val Marie	9	58		284	Rudy	4	8		501 C	Frenchman Butte	2	27
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	30		285	Fertile Valley	20	21		561	Loon Lake	5	12
	45	Mankota	10	38		286	Milden	41	41		588 A	Meadow Lake	9	13
	75 A	Pinto Creek	10	41		314	Dundum	11	14		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	19
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	76 A	Auvergne	6	30		346	Pendue	11	11		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	NIL
	76 B	Auvergne	8	30		376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	8		622	Beaver River	NIL	22
	77	Wise Creek	26	69		376 B	Eagle Creek	6	13					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	2	70		403	Rosthern	N/A	N/A					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	4	65	7A	260 A	Newcombe	15	20					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	8	50		260 B	Newcombe	N/A	8					
	105	Glenbairn	6	38		261	Chesterfield	N/A	8					
	106	Whiskia Creek	15	58		287	St. Andrews	11	13					
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	38		288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	4					
	108	Bone Creek	31	99		290 A	Kindersley	6	16					
3BN	138	Webb	3	52		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	18					
	166	Excelsior	6	24		292	Milton	N/A	4					
	167	Sask. Landing	12	32		317 A	Marmott	15	15					
	168	Riverside	9	45		317 B	Marmott	4	15					
	226	Victory	N/A	13		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A					
	228	Lacadena	3.5	9		318 B	Mountain View	3	10					
	255	Cottreau	N/A	N/A		320 A	Oakdale	22	22					
	257	Monet	25.4	27		320 B	Oakdale	N/A	N/A					
						321	Prairieville	24	26					

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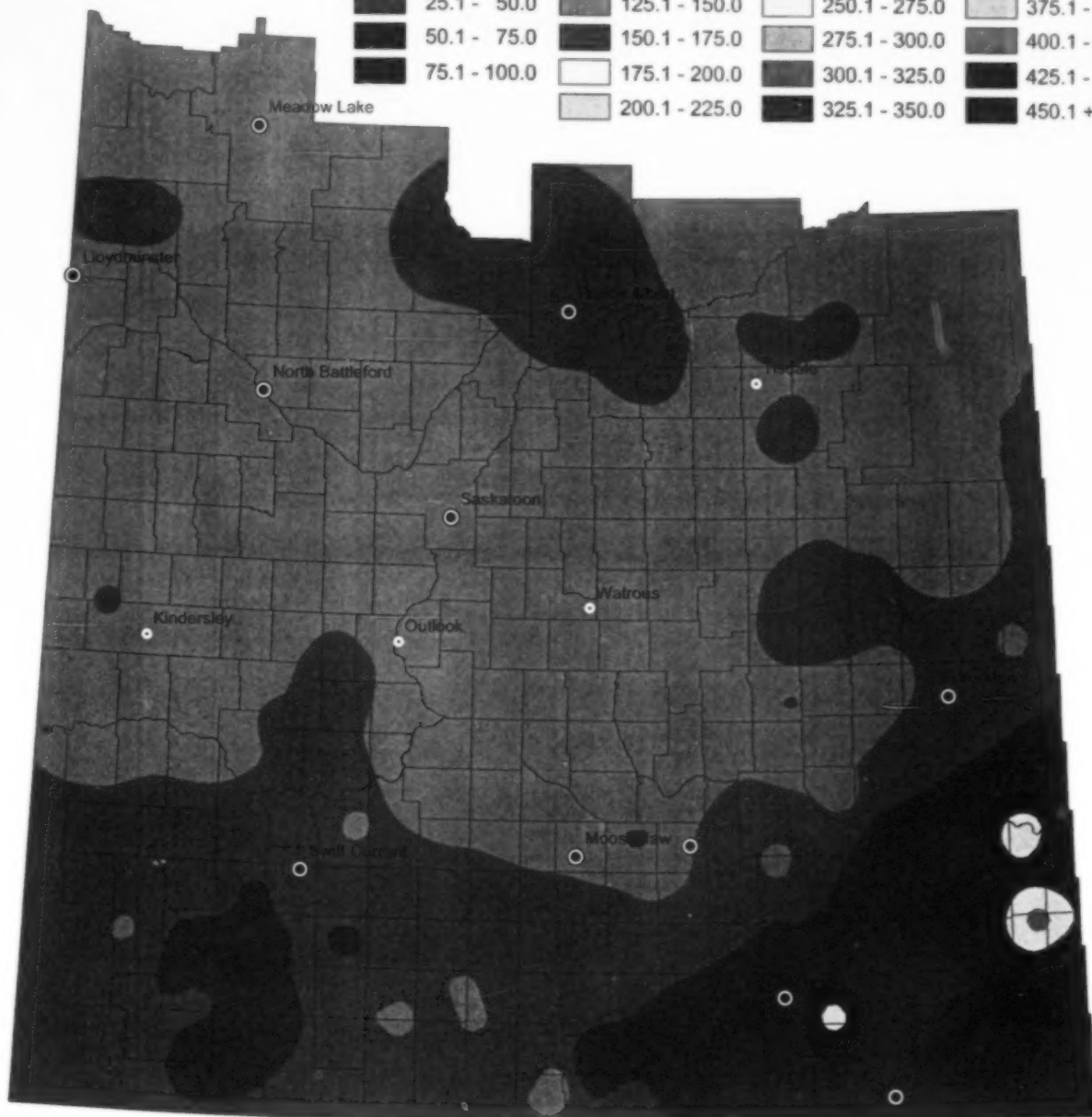
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: May 9, 2011

Rainfall (mm)

0.0 - 25.0	100.1 - 125.0	225.1 - 250.0	350.1 - 375.0
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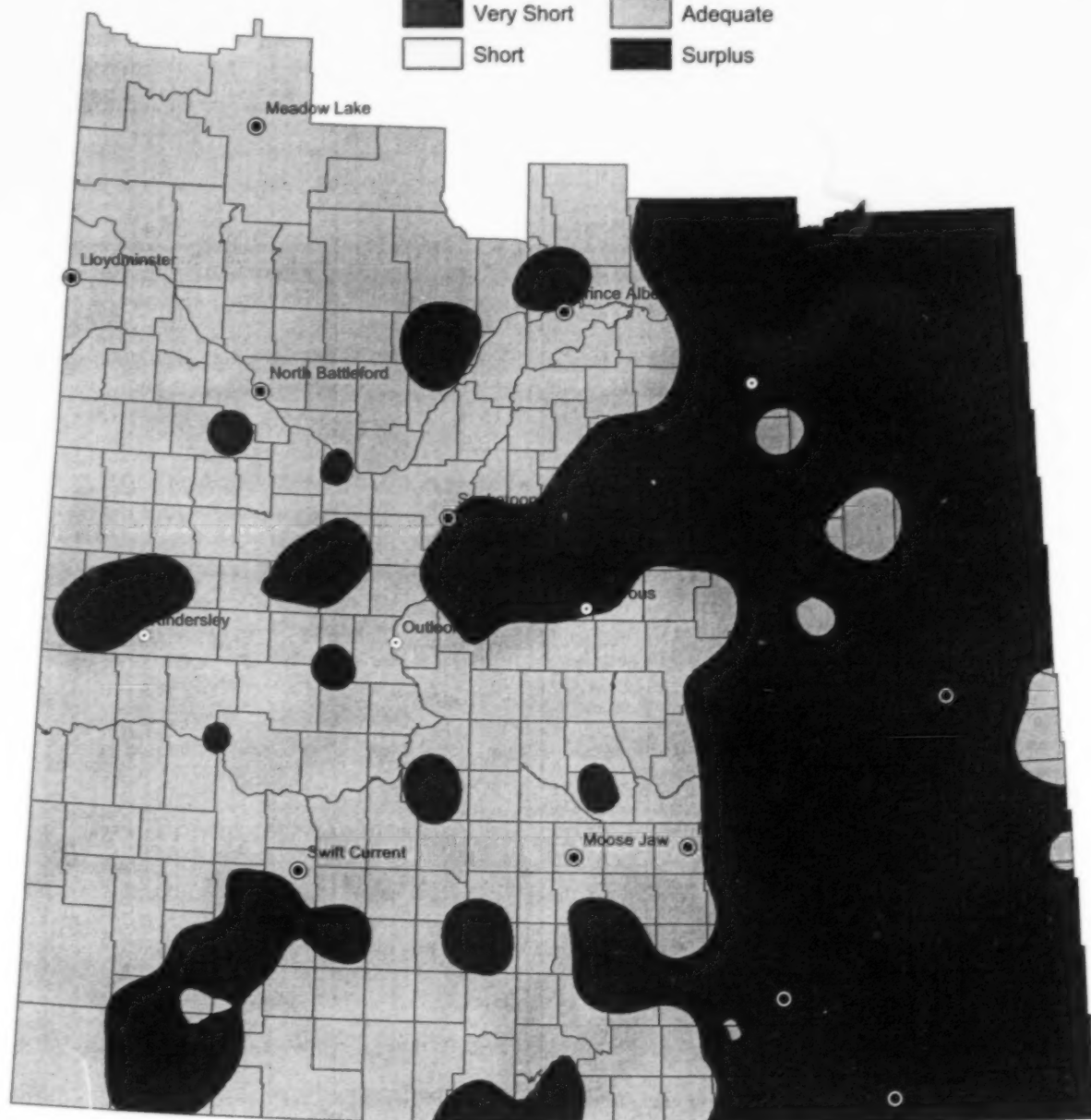
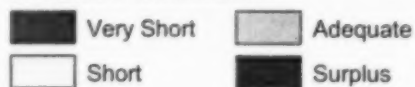
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 10, 2011

Moisture Conditions

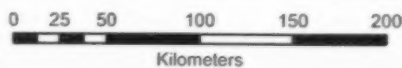


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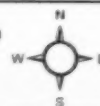


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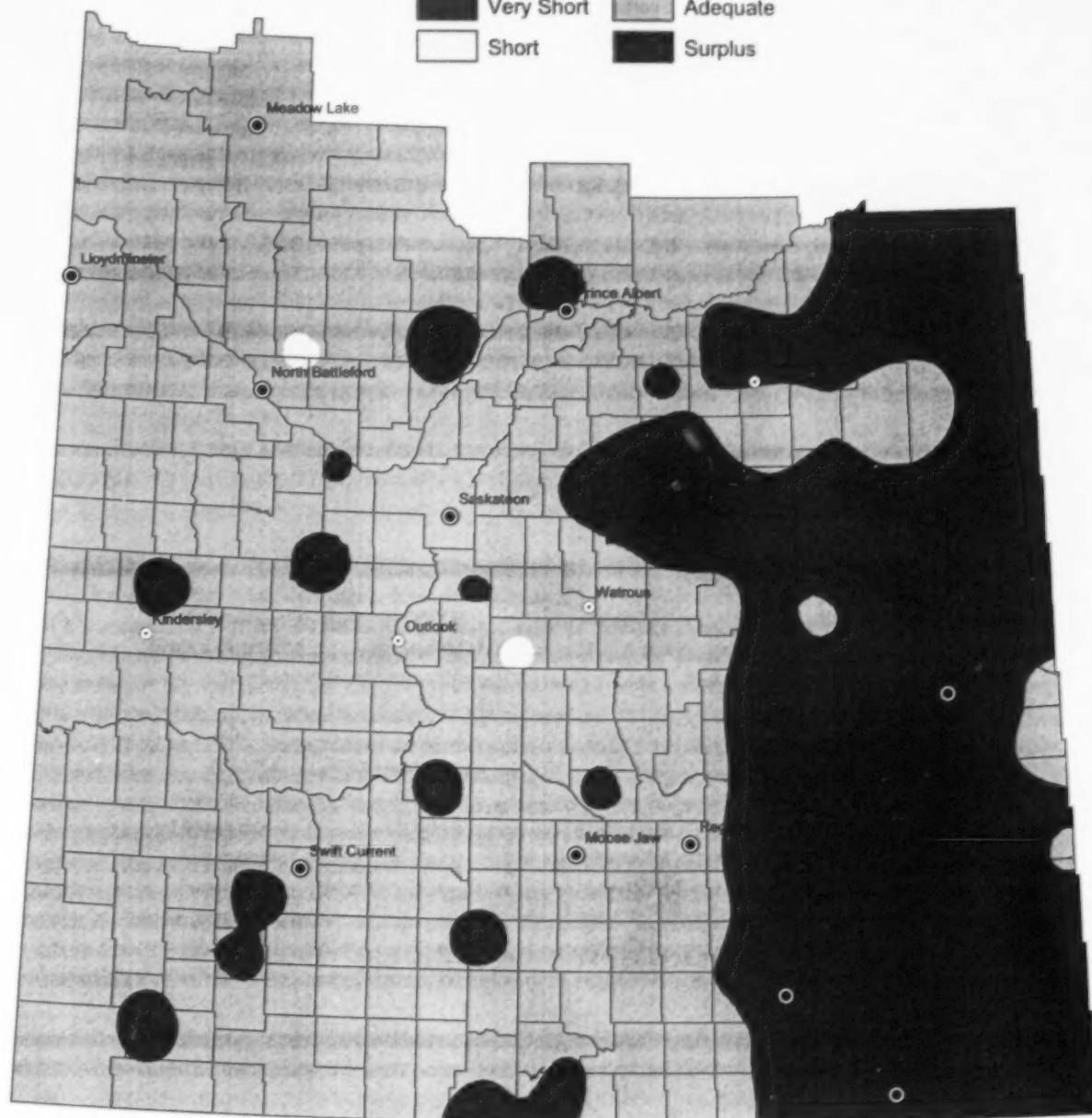
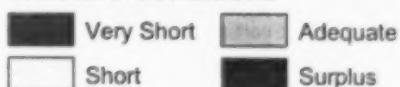
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 10, 2011

Moisture Conditions

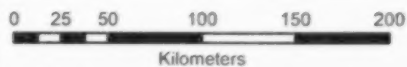


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